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Dr. Wiktorowicz is one of the country's top experts on Muslim communities, Islamic movements, social movements and mobilization, and radicalization, publishing four books and dozens of journal articles and book chapters.

In early January 2012, he was appointed as the National Security Staff's first Senior Director for Community Partnerships, focused on policy development for building partnerships to address homeland security priorities. The establishment of this position is part of the Administration's whole-of-nation approach to national security, which recognizes that our safety is enhanced by the involvement and mobilization of individuals, families, communities, the private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations, and all levels of government. Dr. Wiktorowicz's primary emphasis in the new position is countering violent extremism in the homeland, but he is also responsible for addressing community partnerships in other policy areas where there is a need and opportunity. In 2012, additional priorities include: a) building community resilience against international gangs; b) enhancing opportunities for communities to help prevent human trafficking; and c) creating partnerships with new American communities to support national security at home and abroad.

Dr. Wiktorowicz also served as the Senior Director for Global Engagement at the National Security Staff, where he was responsible for the President's agenda for a new beginning with Muslim communities, countering violent extremism, and strategic communications for national security issues.

Prior to this role, he was posted at the U.S. Embassy in London, where he piloted a field-based approach to partnering with Muslim communities at the grassroots level to counter violent extremism, a program that has since been expanded to multiple countries and regions. He has served as chair of the Interagency Intelligence Subcommittee on Radicalization and was a senior intelligence analyst.

He received his Ph.D. in political science from American University, studied Islam in Cairo, and conducted fieldwork on violent extremism in Jordan and the UK, where he witnessed radicalization first hand. Dr. Wiktorowicz taught at Rhodes College, Dartmouth College, and Shippensburg University before joining government in 2005.